

January 14, 2010

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Meredith Atwell Baker
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street - S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

RE: GN Docket No. 09-191

Dear FCC Chairman and Commissioners:

As an owner of a woman-owned telecommunications company, Board Member of WBENC (Women's Business Enterprise) and as a member of the Executive Advisory Board for WIPP (Women Impacting Public Policy) I can attest to the importance of broadband technology as a vital tool for economic success. It is critical that business owners in every part of the country have access to the latest broadband technology.

Women business owners are a powerful economic force. We know that the FCC is tackling the challenge of establishing a national broadband plan as a provision of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and encourage you to adopt a framework that will allow for the continued deployment of broadband, while maintaining incentives for private sector investment. The FCC's broadband plan must incorporate policies that make broadband affordable and accessible to all small business owners.

Going forward we must ensure that these incentives remain in place for the private sector to continue its support in partnership with the public sector, to deliver ubiquitous broadband across the country and that small businesses are able to depend upon a stable and dependable network for their growing companies.

Sincerely,

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